

Flood Event observed from [REDACTED] Oakey on the 11 Jan 2011.

- During the previous weeks as a result of the constant rainfall, we observed the Oakey Creek rise to high levels that we had not seen before, but the level seemed to rise and fall for a number of days, however it remained at a high level (just below the road bridge) on the morning of 11 Jan 2011, no one had warned us that there would be any issue with it let alone a flood risk (It was important to note that during the night of 10 Jan -11 Jan 2011, it was raining constantly and it was very heavy at times)
- At approx 9am 11 Jan 2011, from our back deck, we noticed that the back paddock to our North East was filling with water (could only see top 1 ft of the back paddock fences)
- We looked across through back yards to our Northern side and saw them filling up with a large amount of water flowing through them (at this stage our yard was not filling with water)
- We looked out along the street to our North and saw the road was covered in water, having a large volume of water flowing along it, filling the drains and moving quickly in a direction towards the creek
- Then water began to flow in through our back yard from the paddock and it rose very quickly.
- It took approx 20-30 mins to reach its full peak (approx 3ft), just 1in below our house floor.
- The whole street was flooded and we couldn't see if there was any dry land
- Then it when quiet, with all of the other residents wondering what had just happened
- At no time were we warned by anyone that we were going to be flooded, it just happened, at no time were there any Police or SES members present to warn us
- After some time a local Fire Truck drove up the street and collected some families with young children and the elderly (offering assistance / evacuation if needed)
- Later still, there were some Bush Fire Brigade trucks then driving up and down the street (I assume offering assistance / evacuation if needed)
- A privately owned boat was then assisting with the evacuation of some residents
- It was some time after the water level receded later that day that there was any sort of Police presence, still do not recall any SES vehicles in the street

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